

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3210 - HB 3636

February 27, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a cable service provider to file an application for state franchise with the Secretary of State. Authorizes the Secretary of State to issue a Certificate of Franchise Authority and exercise regulatory and enforcement duties over cable service providers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$191,000 Recurring
 \$23,200 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- The Secretary of State would require additional resources to establish and maintain a filing system regarding Certificates of Franchise Authority and establish a regulatory and enforcement infrastructure for investigation and resolution of complaints.
- The Secretary of State would require additional resources for computer hardware, database development and maintenance, and web application for maintaining records and providing information to interested parties.
- Secretary of State will need two new positions - one staff attorney and one administrative assistant.
- No filing fees are authorized to cover the cost of issuing Certificates of Franchise Authority.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director